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The Examiner's allowance of claims 7 and 8 and the Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claim 6 are respectfully acknowledged.

Claim 6 has been amended to be rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of (now canceled) claim 5 from which claim 6 formerly depended, so as to place claim 6 in condition for immediate allowance.

In addition, minor amendments have been made to each of claims 6-8 to make minor grammatical improvements and/or to correct minor antecedent basis problems. These amendments are clearly clerical in nature and are not related to patentability and do not narrow the scope of the claims either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

Still further, non-elected claims 1-4 and 9 have been canceled, without prejudice, along with rejected claim 5.

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

And it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for immediate allowance.

Application No. 10/007,469
Response to Office Action

Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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